



The Property Rights Action Caucus is proud to welcome our newest member Rep. Phil Gingrey.

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World Anti-Counterfeiting day (6/17/08)

World Anti-Counterfeiting Day seeks to highlight the serious threat posed by Intellectual Property Crime (IPC). Counterfeiting and piracy of trade marked and copyrighted products and services damages legitimate businesses and puts consumers at risk.

The global intellectual property (IP) crime market has been estimated as worth in excess of US\$ 200 billion per year. Criminals are targeting a wide range of products including designer clothing, music and films, luxury and electrical goods, toys, alcohol and cigarettes. For example the cost to UK taxpayers of counterfeit cigarettes alone was £2.9billion in 2006. Since the creation of the UK IP Crime Strategy in 2004, there has been a rise in the number of successful prosecutions from 600 to over 1000 prosecutions a year.

Ian Fletcher Chief Executive UK Intellectual Property Office (UK-IPO) said, "The UK-IPO is committed to ensuring the value of creativity and innovation is maximised to the benefit of the UK. IP Crime is a serious threat to the well being of the UK's economy. A multi-facetted and collaborated approach between industry, enforcement agencies and Government is vital to combat this threat. Many initiatives both new and on-going have assisted and will continue to assist in the prevention of IP Crime within the UK."

www.ipo.gov.uk/policy/press-release-20080617

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New Book: The Dirty Dozen:

How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and Eroded Freedom

By Robert Levy and William Mellor



The Dirty Dozen: How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and

Eroded Freedom is an unprecedented analysis of cases that changed the course of American history. Co-authors Robert Levy of the Cato Institute and William Mellor of the Institute for Justice reveal the ongoing impact these cases have on free speech, economic liberty, property rights, private contracts and much more.

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House in CT eminent domain dispute finds new home

(AP - 6/21/08)

A small house that was once at the center of a U.S. Supreme Court decision on government seizure of private property has found a safe haven.

The pink clapboard house that stood in the way of New London's efforts to build a riverfront project and sparked a property rights movement was disassembled and relocated to a site close to downtown.

Avner Gregory of New London, the new owner, dedicated his house Saturday before a crowd of about 200 participants and onlookers.

Gregory paid \$1 for the house and spent \$100,000 dismantling and moving it from Fort Trumbull and rebuilding it on property he owns near downtown New London.

The house once belonged to Susette Kelo, who raised a battle cry of eminent domain abuse against New London's efforts to make way for condominiums, a hotel and offices. She said Saturday that the relocated home will be a reminder of how the city reshaped the neighborhood she had to abandon.

Kelo lost her battle when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in June 2005 that local governments may seize homes and businesses -- even against the owners' will -- for private economic development. The stakes were high because many areas, particularly rapidly growing urban and suburban areas, face competing pressures of development and property ownership rights. Monday will be the third anniversary of the court's decision.

www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-seizing-property-move.0.4995128.story

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3rd Anniversary Kelo v. City of New London June 23, 2008

Three years ago today, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that local governments may seize homes and businesses against the owners' will for private economic development. Susette Kelo was lead plaintiff in the landmark case that handed over her pink cottage in New London, Connecticut, to a private developer.



As a result of this decision, the government's power of eminent domain has become almost limitless, providing victimized citizens with few means to protect their property.

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5th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

"No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

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